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| Total Claims                       | 36 | -20= | 16 | x \$18.00= | \$288.00   |
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| Multiple Dependent Claims          |    |      |    | Fee:       |            |
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2. ☒ Specification  
26 page(s) of specification; 14 page(s) of claims, 1 page(s) of abstract
3. ☒ Drawings  
Formal Figure(s) 1-9 on 9 sheet(s)
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration  
☒ Newly executed  
☐ Copy from a prior application (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
Deletion of Inventor(s) (in continuation or divisional applications):  
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☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a signed sheet attached to this application.
5. ☐ The entire disclosure of the prior application referred to above is considered to be part of this application, and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)  
☐ Computer Readable copy  
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8. ☒ Assignment Papers
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11. Amendments  
☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.  
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13. Small Entity Status  
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☐ Is no longer claimed.
14. ☐ Priority of foreign application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)
15. ☐ Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 136 for Extension of Time
16. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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